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SUBJECT: USGS PARTICIPATION IN YEMEN GEOLOGICAL PROGRAM

DEPT PASS USGS/RESTON FOR DAVIDSON AND JONES

- 1. YEMEN CENTRAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION HAS EXPRESSED DESIRE TO HAVE US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY SUBMIT PROPOSAL TO ARAB FUND FOR PARTICIPATION IN GEOLOGICAL PROGRAM IN YEMEN BEING PLANNED BY THE FUND. CPO HAS INDICATED FUND IS NOW CONSIDERING PROPOSALS ALREADY SUBMITTED BY GERMAN AND OTHER GEOLOGICAL AGENCIES AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A PROPOSAL ALSO FROM USGS BECAUSE OF OUTSTANDING USGS EXPERTISE AND LONG EXPERIENCE IN SAUDI ARABIA AND OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES.
- 2. CPO SUGGESTS USGS SUBMIT PROPOSAL AT ONCE
 DIRECT TO CHAIRMAN ARAB FUND IN KUWAIT INASMUCH
 AS FUND PLANS TO SEND TEAM TO YEMEN NEXT MONTH TO
 COMPLETE PLANS FOR PROGRAM. MISSION HAS DISCUSSED
 POSSIBILITITE WITH USGS REPS IN SANA WHO INDICATE USGS
 WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO ASSIST YEMEN ON BEHALF OF THE FUND
 SUBJECT TO CUSTOMARY DEPARTMENTAL APPROVALS AND AUTHORIZATION
 BY AID UNDER FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT.

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3. IN VIEW OF SHORT TIME REMAINING PRIOR TO DECISION

BY THE FUND, EMBASSY KUWAIT IS REQUESTED SEEK FULLEST INFORMATION ON ABOVE PROJECT (TIMING, SCOPE, ETC.) AND TO INFORM CHAIRMAN OF FUND THAT USGS WOULD BE WILLING TO ASSIST IN YEMEN GEOLOGICAL PROGRAM. USGS MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN FOLLOWING AREAS, AND USGS WOULD BE WILLING TO COOPERATE AND PARTICIPATE WITH OTHER GEOLOGICAL AGENCIES THAT MAY BE SELECTED BY THE FUND IN ANY OF THESE:

- (3A) COMPLETE THE SYSTEMATIC GEOLOCICAL MAPPING OF YEMEN AT SCALE 1:250,000 AND DETAILED GEOLOGICAL MAPPING OF POTENTIAL MINERAL AREAS AT SCALE 1:100,000 OR LARGER, INCLUDING CORRELATIONS OF ROCK UNITS AND INDENTIFICATION OF MINTERAL TARGETS.
- (3B) INTRODUCE AND APPLY GEOPHYSICAL AND GEOCHEMICAL TECHNIQUES, INCLUDING GRAVITY, MAGNETIC, RADIOMETRIC AND GEOTHERMAL SURVEYS, FOR APPRAISAL OF MINERAL TARGETS AND ASSESSMENT OF RESOURCES STUDIES, AND TO AID IN GEOLOGIC AND TECTONIC STUDIES RELATED TO MINERALIZATION.
- (3C) MARINE GEOLOGICAL AND GEOPHYSICAL STUDIES OF OFFSHORT AREAS IN THE RED SEA TO ASSESS MINERAL RRSOURCES.
- (3D) HYROLOGICAL SURVEYS TO ASSESS THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF SURFACE FD GROUND WATER RESOURCES WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE GO RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT POSSIBILITIES, UTILIZING EXPLORATORY AND TEST DRILLING, HYDRAULIC EVALUATION OF MAORE AQUIFER SYSTEMS, EVALUATION OF RECHARGE, AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON CONSERVATION AND REGULATION.
- (3E) DEVELOPMENT OF A REMOTE SENSING PROGRAM, INCLUDING APPLICATIONS FOR EARTH RESOURCES MAPPING AND APPRAISAL, REMOTE SENSING LABORATORY AND DATE CENTER, AND TRAINING OF YEMENI STAFF FOR THIS PROGRAM.
- (3F) DEVELOPMENT OF YEMENI GEOLOGICAL SURVEY STAFF AND FACILITIES, INCLUDING ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES, RESOURCES DATA CENTER, LIBRARY, AND PUBLICATIONS PROGRAM. TRAINING OF YEMENI GEOSCIENTISTS THROUGH OF 76 JOB PROJECT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WORK IN YEMEN AND IN TRAINING COURSES ABROAD.

FOR AID/W: SUGGEST CONTENT BE DISCUSSED WITH DR IRYANI.

4. IN EXPECTATIONF OF FAVORABLE RESPONSEBY FUND, REQUEST AID INITIATE ACTION ON AUTHORIZATION FOR USGS TO PARTICIPATE IN YEMEN PROGRAM UNDER SECTION 607 OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT

5. USGS CAN PROVIDE MORE DETAILED SUBMISSION, IF FUND DESIRES. ALSO USGS REPS IN SANA CAN CONSULT WITH REPS OF FUND WHEN THEY ARE IN SANA IF DESIRED. ALTERNATIVELY, USGS REPS CAN GO TO KUWAIT TO MAKE PRESENTATION. RANSOM

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